

THE
LORDS Spiritual and Temporal,

Assembled at the House of LORDS, *WESTMINSTER*, December 25. 1688.

 **W**E the Lords Spiritual and Temporal assembled in this Conjunction, Do Desire Your Highness to take upon You the Administration of publick Affairs, both Civil and Military, and the Disposal of the publick Revenue, for the Preservation of our Religion, Rights, Laws, Liberties and Properties, and of the Peace of the Nation; And that Your Highness will take into Your particular Care, the present Condition of *Ireland*, and endeavour, by the most speedy and effectual means, to prevent the Dangers threatening that Kingdom: All which we make our Requests to Your Highness to undertake, and Exercise, till the Meeting of the intended Convention, the Two and twentieth of *January* next: in which we doubt not such proper methods will be taken, as will conduce to the Establishment of these things upon such sure and legal Foundations, that they may not be in Danger of being again Subverted. *Dated at the House of Lords. Westminster, December the Five and twentieth, 1688.*

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal Assembled at *Westminster* in this Extraordinary Conjunction, Do humbly Desire Your Highness to cause Letters to be written, subscribed by Your Self, to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, being Protestants, and to the several Counties, Universities, Cities, Boroughs, and Cinque-Ports of *England*, *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, upon *Tweed*; the Letters for the Counties to be directed to the Coroners of the respective Counties, or any of them, and in Default of the Coroners to the Clerk of the Peace of the respective Counties; and the Letters for the Universities to be directed to the respective Vice-Chancellors; and the Letters to the several Cities, Boroughs, and Cinque-Ports, to be directed to the chief Magistrates of each respective City, Borough, and Cinque-Port, containing directions for the choosing in all such Counties, Cities, Universities, Boroughs, and Cinque-Ports, within ten Days after the receipt of the said Respective Letters, such a number of Persons to represent them as are of right to be sent to Parliament; of which Elections, and the times and places thereof, the Respective Officers shall give notice within the space of Five days at the least. Notice intended Elections for the Counties to be published in the Churches immediately after the time of *Divine Service*, and in all Market Towns within the respective Counties; and notice of the intended Elections for the Cities, Universities, Boroughs, and Cinque-Ports, to be published within the said respective places. The said Letters, and the Execution thereof, to be returned by such Officer and Officers, who shall execute the same, to the Clerk of the Crown in the Court of *Chancery*, so as the persons to be chosen may meet and sit at *Westminster* on the Two and twentieth day of *January* next. *Dated at the House of Lords, Westminster, December the Twenty fifth. 1688.*

Both which were Signed by all the Lords Spiritual and Temporal then Assembled, and Presented to His Highness the Prince of ORANGE the same Day at St. James's.

His Highness the Prince of Orange's Answer
To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, at *St. James's*, December 28. 1688.

MY LORDS,

I Have considered of your Advice, and, as far as I am able, I will endeavour to secure the Peace of the Nation, until the Meeting of the Convention in *January* next, for the Election whereof I will forthwith Issue out Letters according to your desire; I will also take Care to apply the publick Revenue to the most proper Uses, that the present Affairs require; And likewise endeavour to put *Ireland* into such a Condition, as that the Protestant Religion, and the English Interest may be Maintained in that Kingdom: And I further assure you, That as I came hither for the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, and the Laws and Liberties of these Kingdoms, so I shall always be ready to expose myself to any hazard for the Defence of the same.